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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are enclosed, together with English abstracts for the Japanese documents.

The cited Japanese documents may be pertinent because they were cited in an Office Action issued June 19, 2009 in a counterpart Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action is enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

European Patent No. 0935221 is an English-language counterpart to JP 11-224236.

STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner, and that an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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